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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449(seven sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

Based solely on the drawings, the foreign reference DT 26 20009 A1 is pertinent because it appears to disclose a holder for tubing.

Based solely on the drawings, the foreign reference DE 28 03 509 A1 is pertinent because it appears to disclose a device for winding a tubing.

Foreign reference DE 3715965 A1 was cited in a Written Opinion. It is believed that US Patent 4,682,702 corresponds to DE 3715965 A1.

Based solely on the drawings, the foreign reference EP 0 475 857 A1 is pertinent because it appears to disclose a needle and a cover.

Foreign reference EP 0956879 A1 was cited in Written Opinion. It is believed that US Patent No. 6,302,866 corresponds to EP 0956879 A1.

Based solely on the drawings, the foreign reference FR 576,849 is pertinent because it appears to disclose a device for winding a tubing.

Foreign reference FR 2,733,915 was cited in a Written Opinion. It is believed that FR 2,733,915 corresponds to WO 96/35472 A1 which is written in English.



Foreign references DE 19847143 A1, FR 2 781 617 A1, JP 2000-59877 and JP 3140740 were cited in a Written Opinion. It is believed that these references correspond to US Patent No. 5,984,224.

JP 5-326062 was cited in a Written Opinion. An English abstract is included. Based solely on the abstract and the drawings, the foreign reference JP 5-326062 is pertinent because it appears to disclose a cord winding device having a shaft for winding the cord and a vessel part for storing the cord.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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